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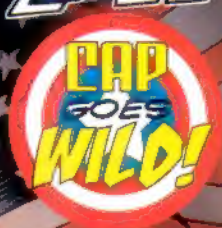
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# CAPTAIN AMERICA



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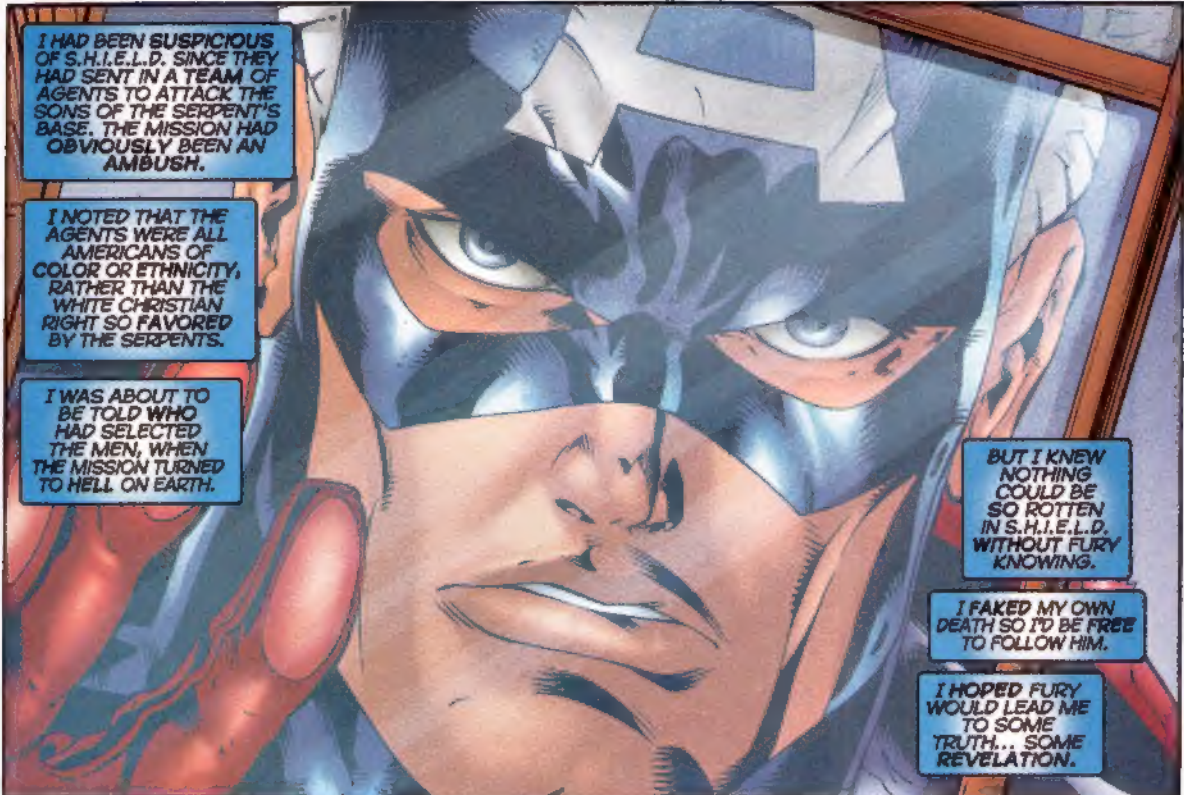
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I HAD BEEN SUSPICIOUS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. SINCE THEY HAD SENT IN A TEAM OF AGENTS TO ATTACK THE SONS OF THE SERPENT'S BASE. THE MISSION HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN AN AMBUSH.

I NOTED THAT THE AGENTS WERE ALL AMERICANS OF COLOR OR ETHNICITY, RATHER THAN THE WHITE CHRISTIAN RIGHT SO FAVORED BY THE SERPENTS.

I WAS ABOUT TO BE TOLD WHO HAD SELECTED THE MEN, WHEN THE MISSION TURNED TO HELL ON EARTH.

BUT I KNEW NOTHING COULD BE SO ROTTEN IN S.H.I.E.L.D. WITHOUT FURY KNOWING.

I FAKED MY OWN DEATH SO I'D BE FREE TO FOLLOW HIM.

I HOPED FURY WOULD LEAD ME TO SOME TRUTH... SOME REVELATION.



HE DID.

NICK FURY IS THE SERPENT KING.

THE GOVERNMENT GROUP SUPPLYING THE SERPENTS WITH HIGH-TECH WEAPONRY IS S.H.I.E.L.D. ITSELF.



MY FRIEND, THE FALCON, IS THEIR PRISONER.



...AND I AM AT A LOSS  
WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.

TONIGHT!



# SERPENTS & EAGLES

PART 4: INTO THE SNAKE PIT

THE  
ORDER GOES  
OUT!

A FULL-SCALE  
ASSAULT ON ALL  
WITHIN AMERICA WHO  
WE WOULD SEE GONE  
FROM IT!

OUR  
MEN WILL  
RISE UP THIS  
NIGHT...



...NOW  
AMERICA'S  
CHAMPION, CAPTAIN  
AMERICA, IS DEAD AND  
CAN NO LONGER  
INTERFERE!

THE  
SONS OF THE  
SERPENT WILL  
ARISE AND PURGE  
THIS NATION OF  
ITS BLIGHT!

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HER BEST FRIEND'S  
NAME IS MANDY.

SHE'S BUCKY'S AGE.  
THEY HAD COMMON  
INTERESTS.

ONCE...

... WHEN THE MALL, CHEERLEADER  
TRYOUTS, TOM CRUISE AND STONE  
TEMPLE PILOTS WERE THE MOST  
IMPORTANT THINGS IN THE WORLD.

BEFORE BUCKY  
WAS RECRUITED.

BEFORE...

... THE MOST  
IMPORTANT  
THINGS IN  
THE WORLD  
FOR HER  
BECAME  
WAR AND  
PEACE, RIGHT  
AND WRONG,  
AND THE GRAY-  
LADEN CLOUD  
THAT HOVERS  
FOREVER  
BETWEEN  
THE TWO.

THE LAST SHE  
HEARD, MANDY  
WAS PREGNANT.

THE BOY INVOLVED, A  
QUARTERBACK ON THE  
SCHOOL TEAM, HAD  
OFFERED TO MARRY HER.



BUCKY NEVER  
DID FIND OUT  
WHETHER MANDY  
ACCEPTED HIS  
OFFER OR NOT.

IN TODAY'S  
AMERICA,  
IT'S HARDER  
TO TELL.





BUCKY SAYS FAREWELL TO THOUGHTS OF MANDY WITH A MENTAL PROMISE TO CALL HER WHEN SHE'S DONE WITH EVERYTHING.



ARMED GUARDS DENY HER ACCESS TO A RESTRICTED AREA OF THE S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER... EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS CLEARANCE TO ENTER.



"EVERYTHING" IS A CELL WITH A PRISONER IN THAT RESTRICTED AREA.

"EVERYTHING" IS THE FIGHT SHE'S ABOUT TO WAGE. "EVERYTHING" IS THE CHARGE OF TREASON THAT MAY BE LEVELED AGAINST HER.

SHE PAUSES FOR A MOMENT MORE. "TREASON," SHE THINKS. THE ULTIMATE CRIME IN HER EYES. BEING GUILTY OF IT -- THE ULTIMATE DISGRACE.

SHE COULD BE SPARED ALL OF THIS. THE DANGER. THE RISK.



ALL SHE HAS TO DO IS WALK AWAY.



BUT THEN SHE ASKS HERSELF WHAT CAPTAIN AMERICA WOULD DO...



...AND SHE'S INTO  
BATTLE BEFORE SHE  
REALIZES IT.







THE  
ORDER GOES  
OUT TO OUR SONS  
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
A LITTLE AHEAD OF  
THE REST OF  
AMERICA.

AS A  
PRECURSOR...  
AN INDICATION...  
OF WHAT IS TO  
COME.

THE CAPITAL  
WILL BURN THIS NIGHT,  
AND MANY OF THIS NATION'S  
UNDESIRABLES ALONG WITH IT.



I USED  
S.H.I.E.L.D.'S  
SURVEILLANCE  
TECHNICIANS TO SET  
UP VID-TRAN UNITS  
THROUGHOUT  
THE CITY, SO WE  
MIGHT WATCH  
THE SPORT.



TURN  
AND SEE --

WAIT!  
BEFORE YOU GIVE  
THAT ORDER... BEFORE  
YOU SAY ONE MORE  
WORD ABOUT  
AMERICA...













IT TOOK HER TWENTY-THREE SECONDS TO BRING THEM DOWN.

TWICE, ONE OF THEM ALMOST REACHED THE ALARM BUTTON.

SHE HAS TO LEARN TO STRIKE FASTER AND HARDER.

NO MORE ALMOSTS AND NEARLY. NOT FOR HER FOES. NOT IN COMBAT.

WHEN SHE SEES CAPTAIN AMERICA AGAIN, HE CAN TEACH HER... MAKE HER BETTER.

IF SHE SEES HIM AGAIN...

HELLO.

WHOEVER IS IN THERE, STEP FORWARD INTO THE LIGHT. I CAN'T SEE YOU.

THAT'S RIGHT. STEP --

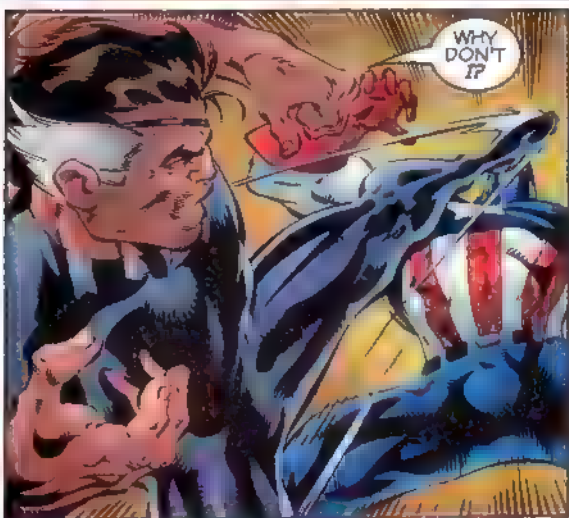
OH.





SO...

... WHO STRIKES THE FIRST PUNCH?



WHY DON'T IF?



YOU STAYED IN SHAPE

THE TECHNOLOGY WE USED TO KEEP YOUR BATTERY'S CHARGED WORKED ON ME TOO.

NOT AS WELL... I'VE GOT A FEW LINES ROUND MY EYES.



BUT GOOD ENOUGH!



WHY, FURY? WHAT MADE YOU TURN?

I'M GOING TO BE PENSIONED OUT ONE DAY YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY I HAVE SAVED?

ZERO

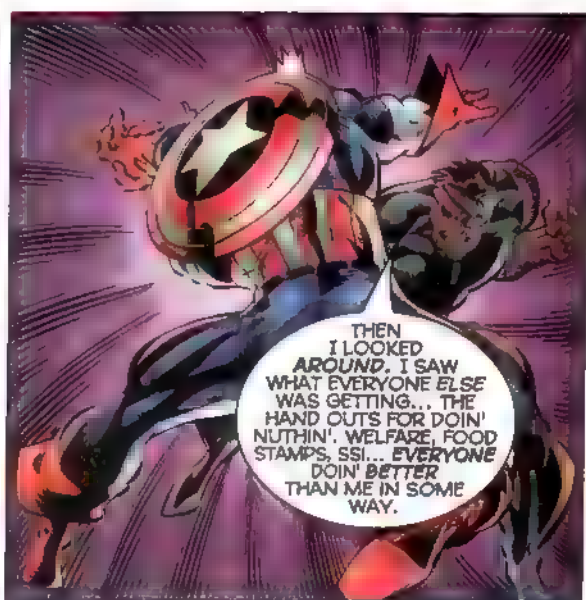




MY PENSION WOULDN'T KEEP A SPARROW ALIVE.

I BEGAN TO ASK MYSELF... AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR AMERICA...

... WHAT HAD AMERICA DONE FOR ME?



THEN I LOOKED AROUND. I SAW WHAT EVERYONE ELSE WAS GETTING... THE HAND OUTS FOR DOIN' NUTHIN'. WELFARE, FOOD STAMPS, SSI... EVERYONE DOIN' BETTER THAN ME IN SOME WAY.



THAT'S CRAZY, FURY.

SURE THERE ARE HAVES AND HAVE NOTS. SURE AMERICA HELPS THOSE THAT NEED IT.



BUT AMERICA IS ABOUT MAKING YOUR OWN WAY. AMERICA CAN GIVE YOU THE CHANCE. BUT IT'S UP TO YOU TO WORK HARD AND DO SOMETHING WITH THAT OPPORTUNITY.

YOU SIGNED ON FOR THE JOB YOU DO. NO ONE FORCED YOU.



YEAH, WELL PERHAPS I DIDN'T SEE THE DOWNSIDE COMING IN.

AND PERHAPS THAT'S YOUR FAULT, NOT THE FAULT OF THIS COUNTRY.



ANYWAY, IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW.

WHAT?





THE ORDER YOU THOUGHT I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE. YOU DIDN'T LISTEN CLEARLY ENOUGH. I WAS SPEAKING IN THE PAST TENSE.

I GAVE THE ORDER TEN MINUTES AGO.



SERPENTS... ATTACK!



I THOUGHT THIS WAS GOING TO BE A FAIR FIGHT, FURY.

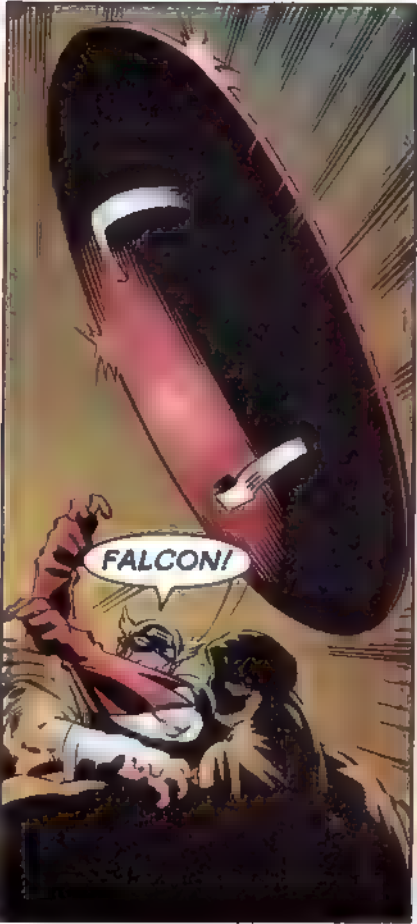
THAT'S WHERE YOU AND I DIFFER. I LOOK AT THIS COUNTRY...



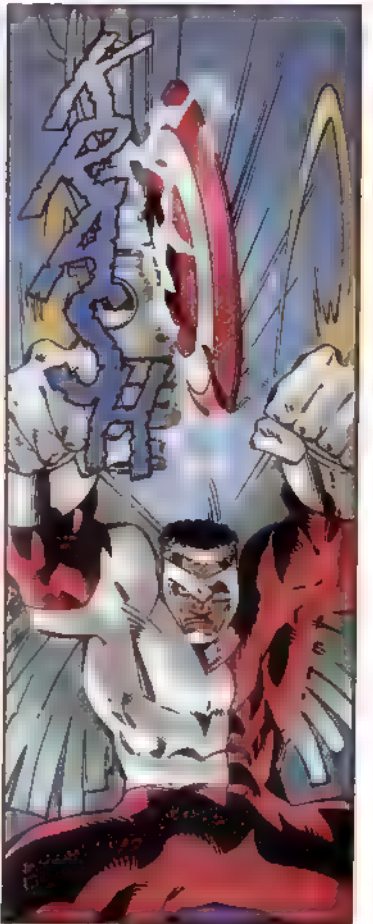
...I DON'T SEE ANYTHING FAIR ABOUT IT.



CAP!



FALCON!







WE FIGHT  
AS ONE.

WE'RE TWO MEN WHO  
KNOW EACH OTHER,  
BUT BARELY.

YET WE FIGHT WITH A UNITY  
THAT BELIES OUR BRIEF  
TIME TOGETHER AND  
SURPRISES BOTH OF US.

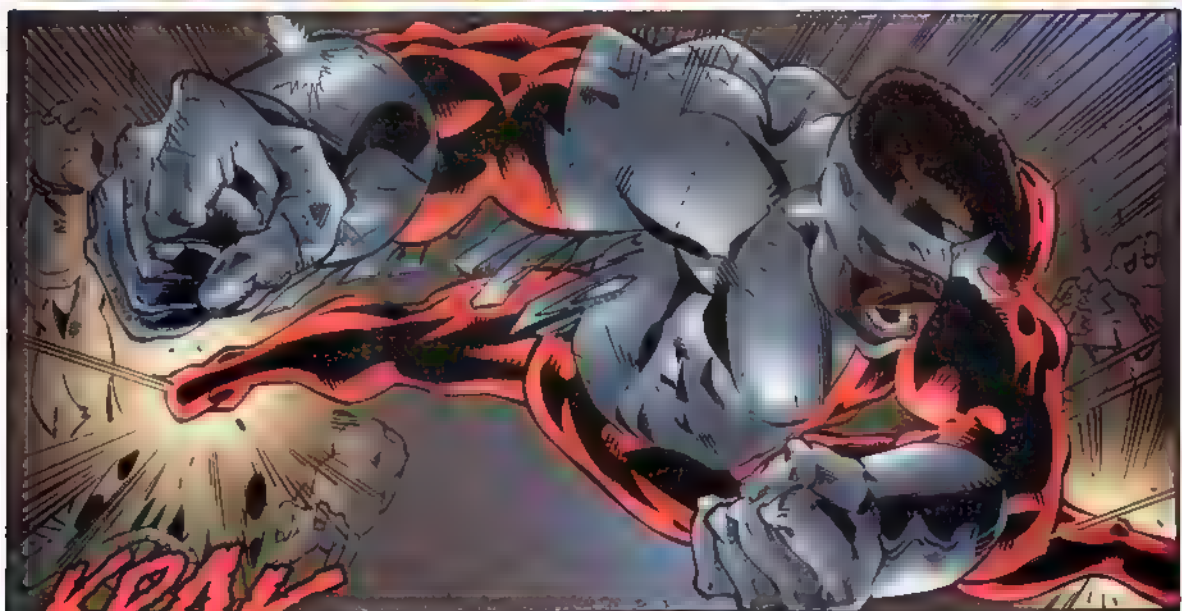
FOR A MOMENT, I THINK,  
THE SAME THOUGHT  
PASSED BETWEEN US...

... THAT IF FATE AND PATHS  
OF FORTUNE HAD BEEN  
DIFFERENT, WE MIGHT HAVE  
BEEN A GREAT TEAM.

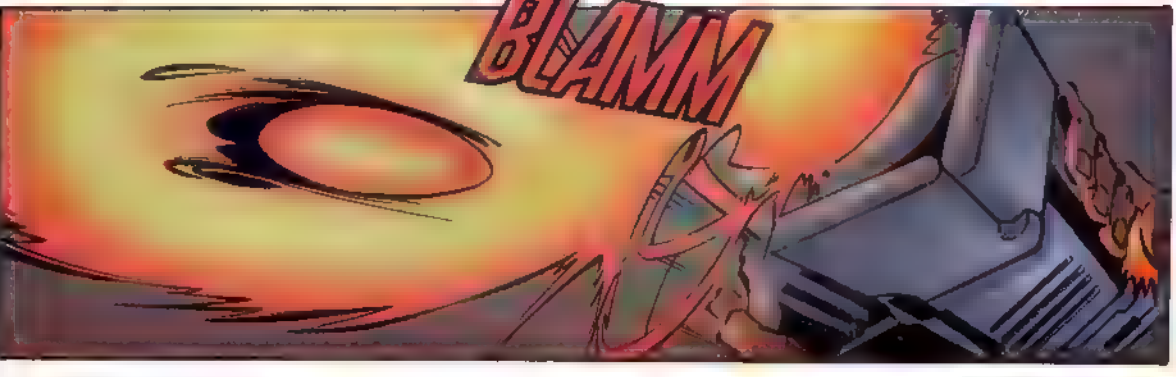
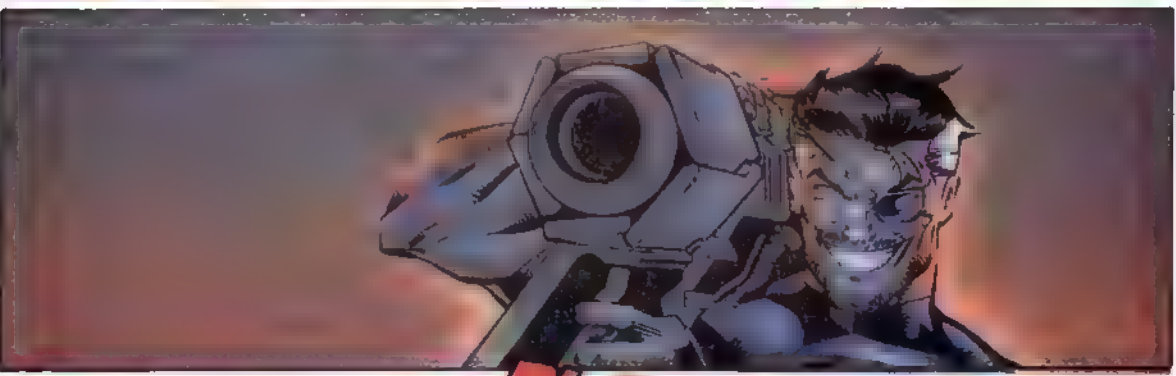
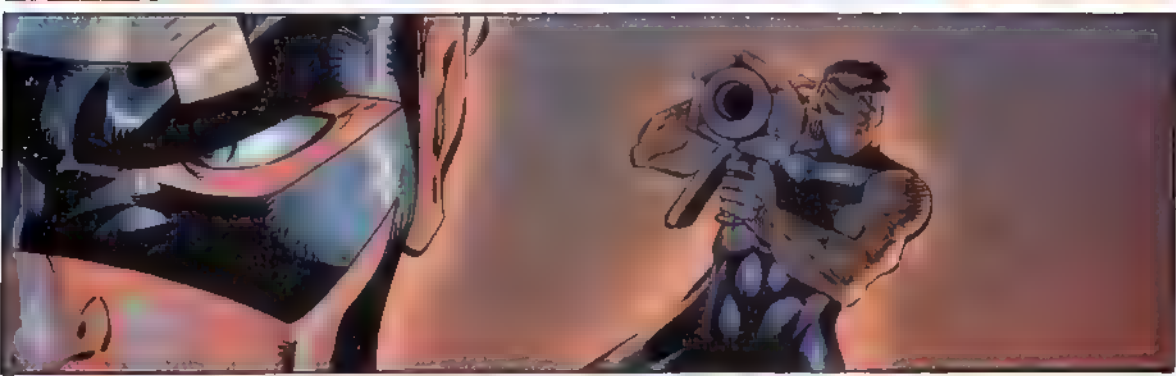
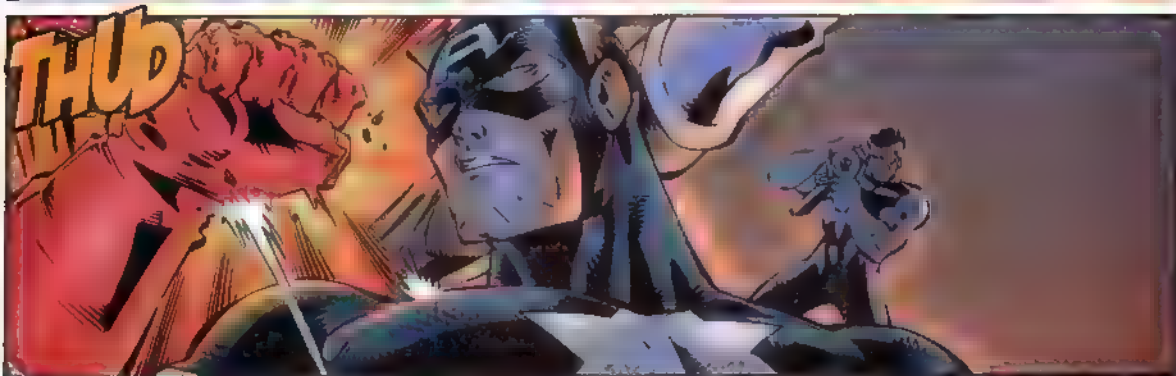
IN ANOTHER  
LIFE, PERHAPS.

OR  
ANOTHER  
WORLD!

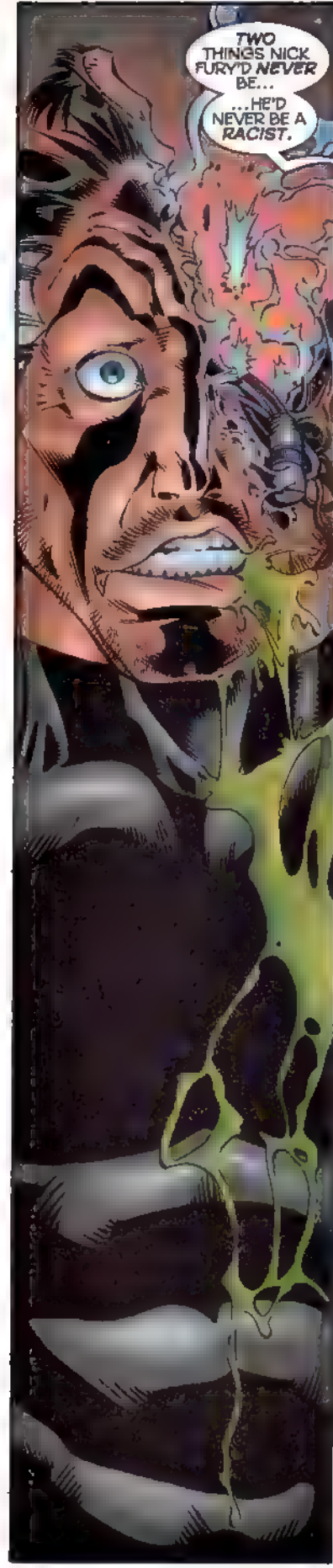










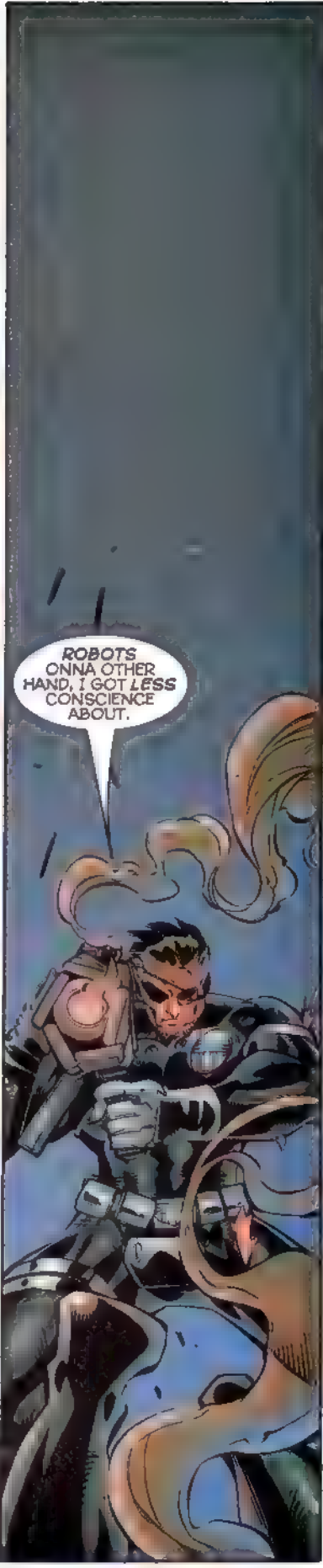


TWO  
THINGS NICK  
FURY'D NEVER  
BE...

...HE'D  
NEVER BE A  
RACIST.



'N HE'D  
NEVER SHOOT  
A GUY INNA  
BACK.



ROBOTS  
ONNA OTHER  
HAND, I GOT **LESS**  
CONSCIENCE  
ABOUT.





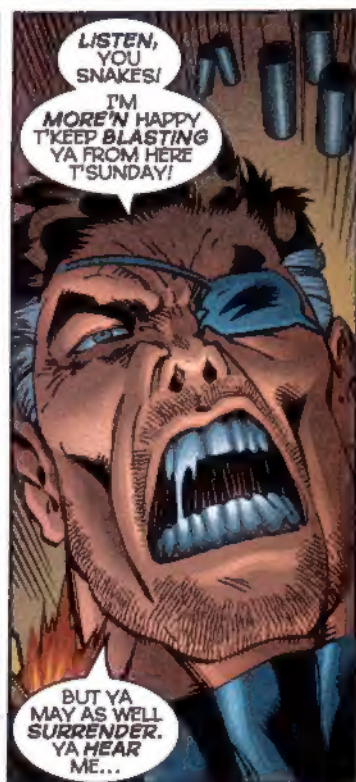
FURY!



THE  
REAL MCCOY,  
CAP!  
ACCEPT NO  
SUBSTITUTES!



BUCKY!  
THEY  
HAD FURY  
PRISONER,  
CAP.  
IN THE  
HELICARRIER,  
I FOLLOWED MY  
INSTINCTS LIKE YOU  
SAID I SHOULD. I FREED  
HIM! NO ONE FROM  
S.H.I.E.L.D. EVEN  
KNEW THAT IT  
WAS HIM!



LISTEN,  
YOU  
SNAKES!  
I'M  
MORE'N HAPPY  
T'KEEP BLASTING  
YA FROM HERE  
T'SUNDAY!

BUT YA  
MAY AS WELL  
SURRENDER.  
YA HEAR  
ME...



"... 'CAUSE I GOT THE  
PLACE SURROUNDED!"





SO YOU'RE TELLING ME AT NO TIME SINCE I WAS REAWAKENED, IT'S BEEN YOU?

ME, I FIGURED YA BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH SINCE 'NAM.

IT'D TAKE WORLD WAR THREE T'MAKE ME BRING BACK CAPTAIN AMERICA.



I SIGNED THE ORDER TO DEFROST YOU... LET YA ASSIMILATE BACK INTO THE WORLD.

THE NEXT DAY I'M DRINKING COFFEE. IT TASTED FUNNY. LIGHTS OUT.

SO, MY WIFE AND CHILDREN?



LIFE MODEL DECOY ANDROIDS GOT THEIR USES, BUT NOT SETTING UP A GUY AT HOME WITH A FAMILY OF 'EM.

THAT WAS THE ADDITIONAL ORDER OF WHOEVER PLANTED THE L.M.D. IN PLACE A'ME.

ME, I GOTTA SURPRISE WHEN BUCKY TOLD ME YA PUT THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE ON AGAIN N' STARTED KNOCKING HEADS.



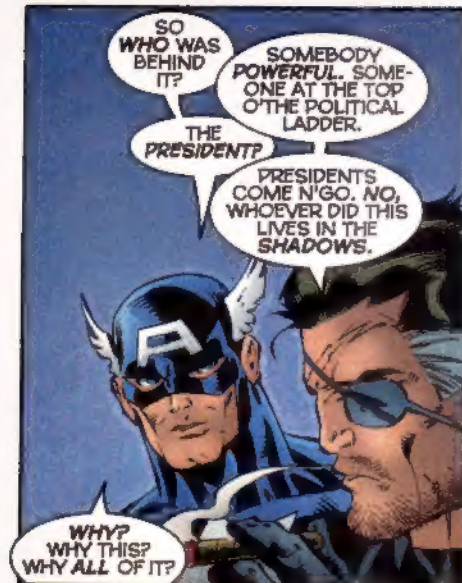
GOTTA SAY THOUGH, I'M ALSO SURPRISED Y'DIDN'T CATCH ON.

WHOEVER PROGRAMMED THE L.M.D. T'BE ME DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB. 'CEPT I NEVER WOULD'VE LED NO BUNCHA ROTTEN SNAKES!



A LOT HAD CHANGED SINCE I WAS LAST UNCONSCIOUS. YOU WERE SO DARK AND UNTRUSTWORTHY... SO DIFFERENT FROM THE MAN I KNEW...





SO WHO WAS BEHIND IT?

SOMEBODY POWERFUL. SOMEONE AT THE TOP OF THE POLITICAL LADDER.

THE PRESIDENT?

PRESIDENTS COME N' GO. NO, WHOEVER DID THIS LIVES IN THE SHADOWS.

WHY? WHY THIS? WHY ALL OF IT?



YA GOT ME, CAP. POWER, I GUESS. MORE POWER.

WHOEVER WAS BEHIND THIS WANTED MORE'N HE HAD. S.H.I.E.L.D. IS THE MOST POWERFUL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ON EARTH.

AND THE SERPENTS. WHO WAS BEHIND THAT?



I'D SAY WHOEVER WAS BEHIND THIS WANTED REVOLUTION. THE COUNTRY WOULD'A NEEDED A TRUE LEADER THEN.

I'M GUESSING AT THAT TIME, THAT PERSON WOULD'A STEPPED FROM THE SHADOWS.



SO WE SAVED THE COUNTRY.

WE STOPPED SOMETHIN' BAD. BUT THE FACT THAT THE SONS OF THE SERPENT COULD RECRUIT AS MANY AS THEY DID, TELLS ME THE COUNTRY'S FAR FROM SAVED.

IF YA ASK ME, CAP, AMERICA NEEDS YOU T'SET AN EXAMPLE. I NEVER INTENDED T'BRING CAPTAIN AMERICA BACK, BUT NOW THAT YA ARE, I GOTTA SAY I'M GLAD.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE, NICK.

THIS COUNTRY NEEDS ITS HEROES NOW MORE THAN EVER.



SIR!



RADIO TRANSMISSION FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. NEW YORK! A/ URGENT!



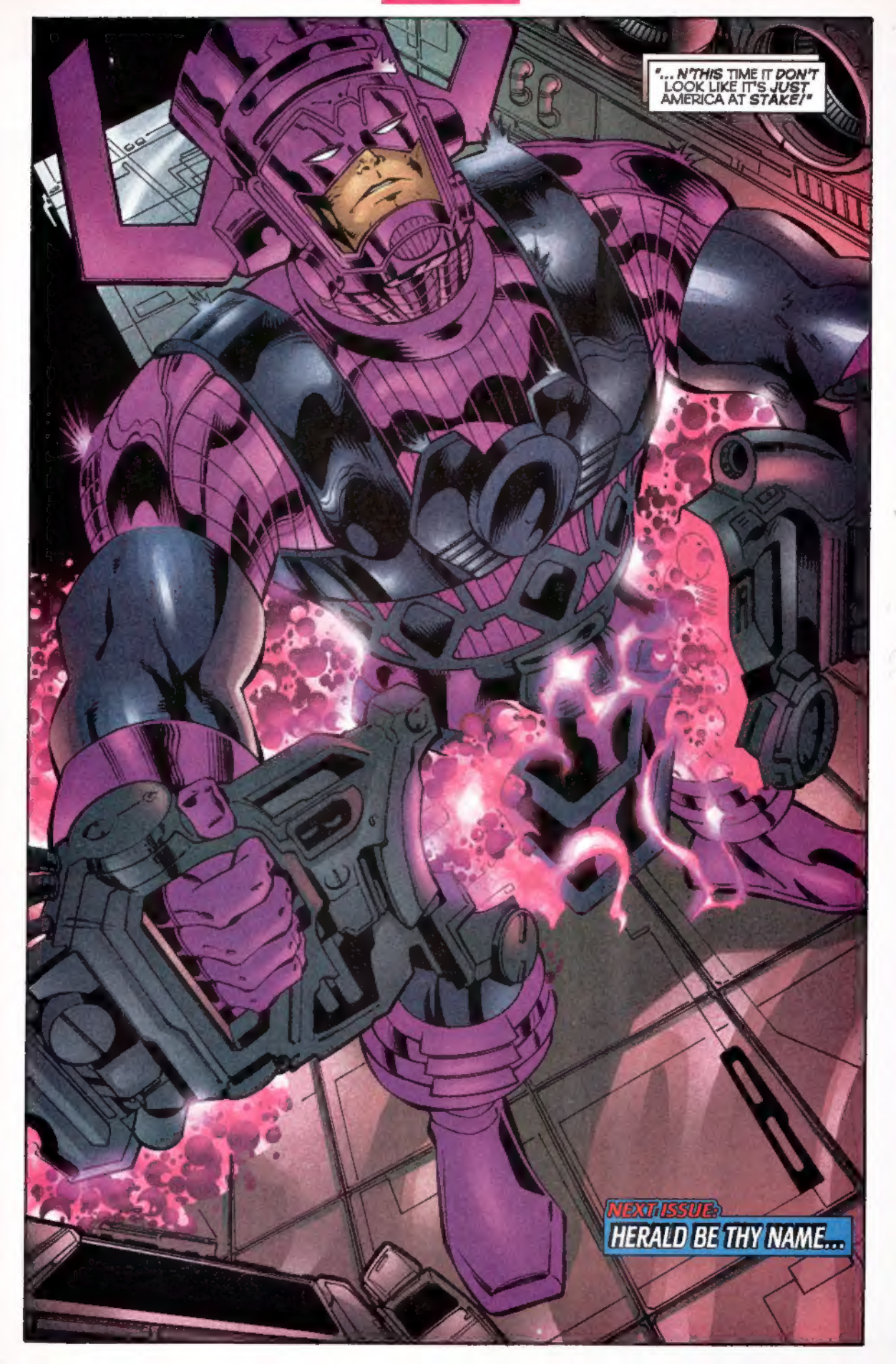
WE GOTTA GO TO NEW YORK, CAP.



TROUBLE?

YEAH...





"...N'THIS TIME IT DON'T  
LOOK LIKE IT'S JUST  
AMERICA AT STAKE!"

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
**HERALD BE THY NAME...**